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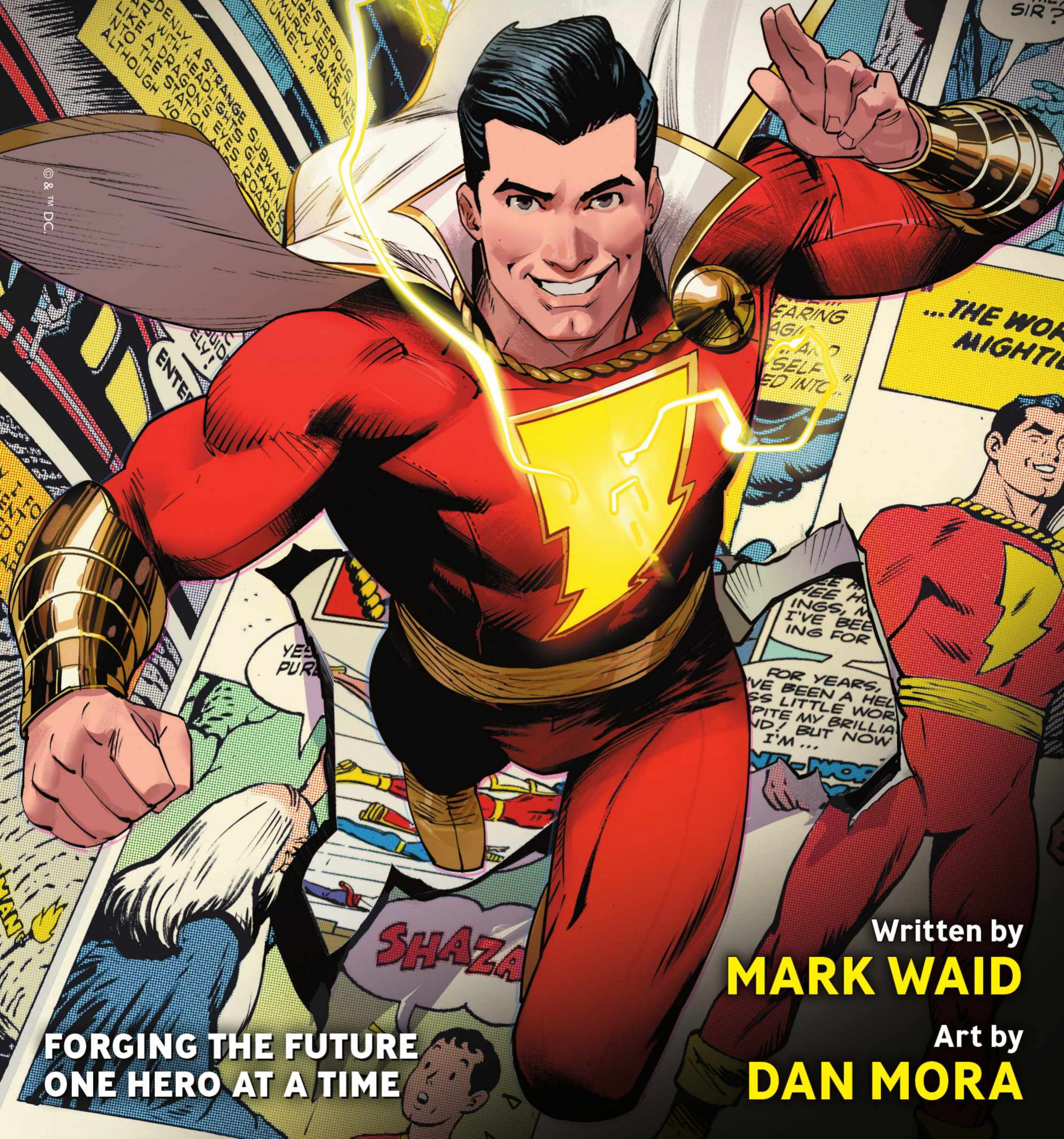
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WORLD'S FINEST CREATORS
TAKE ON THE WORLD'S
MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

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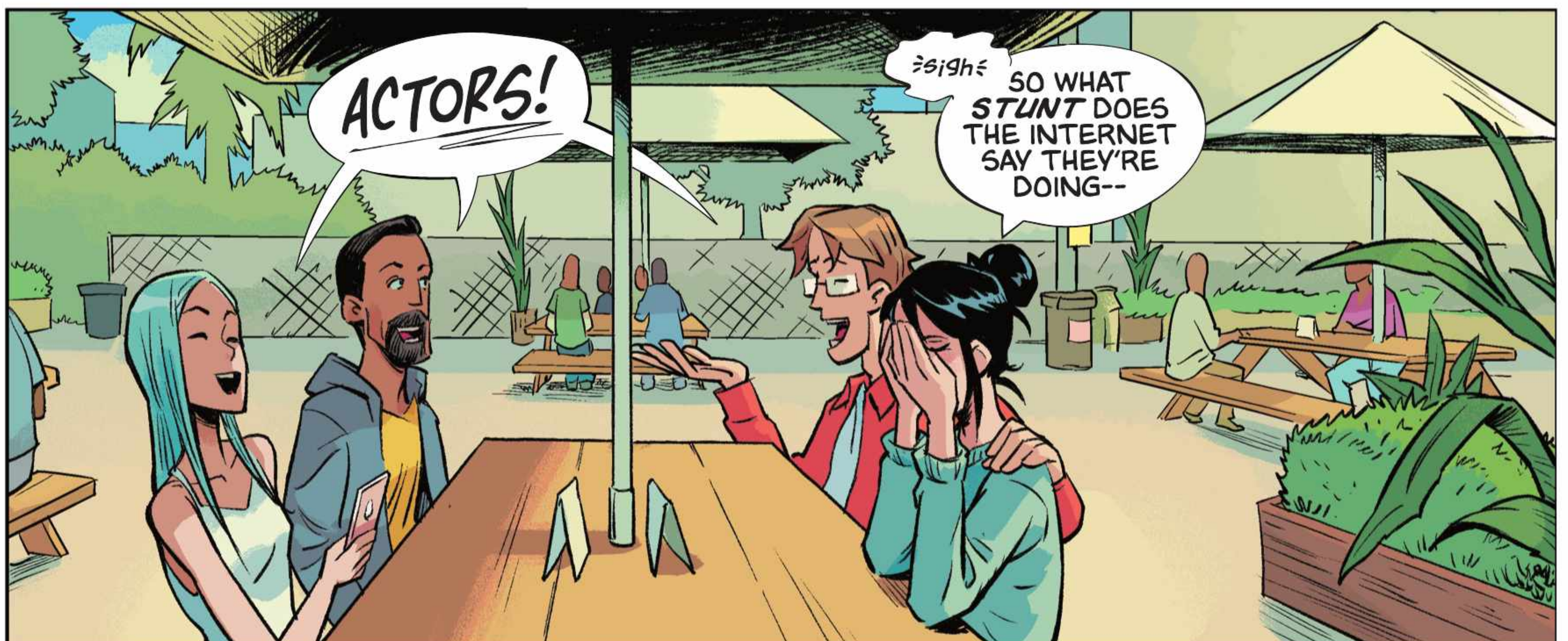
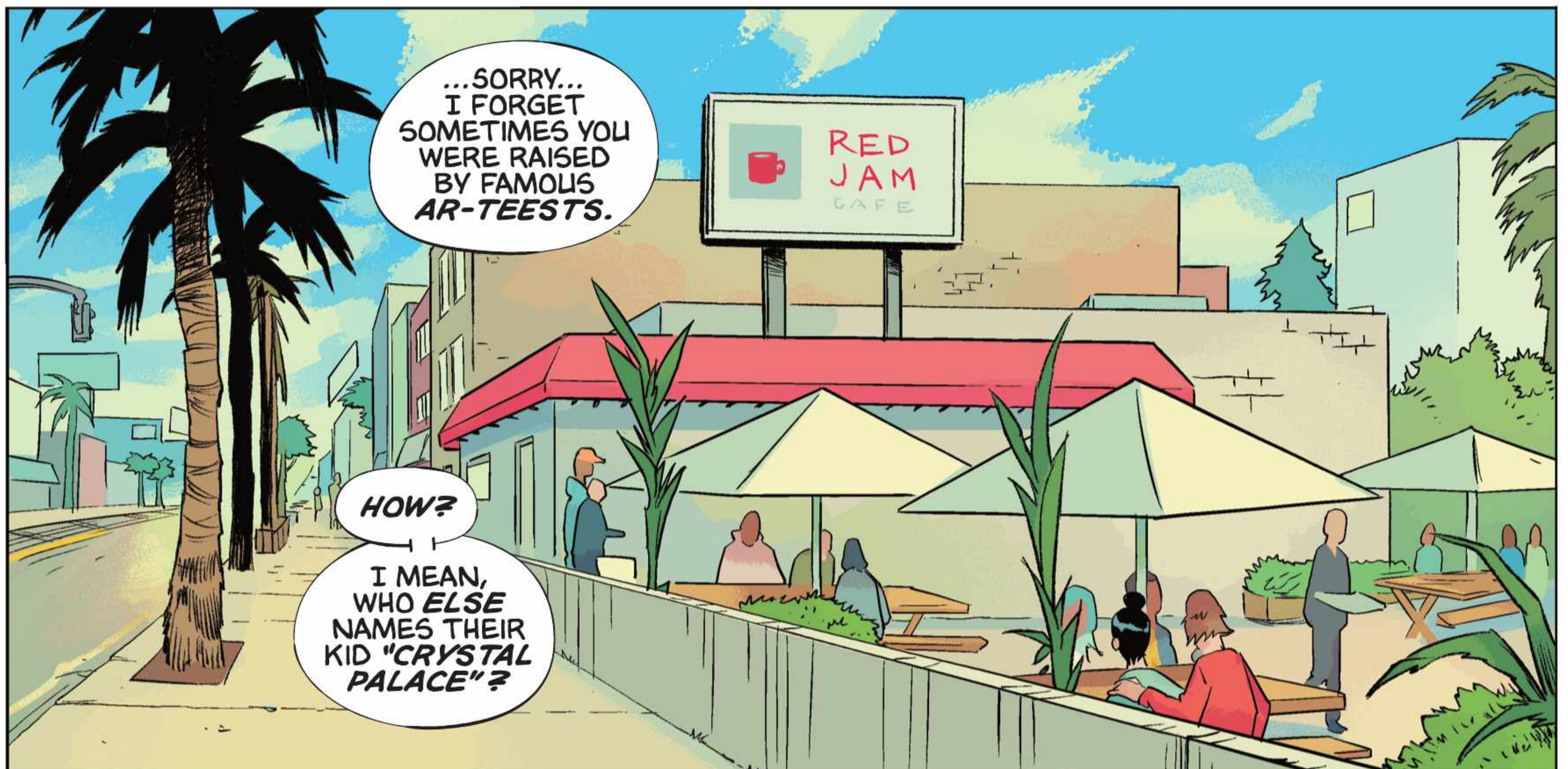


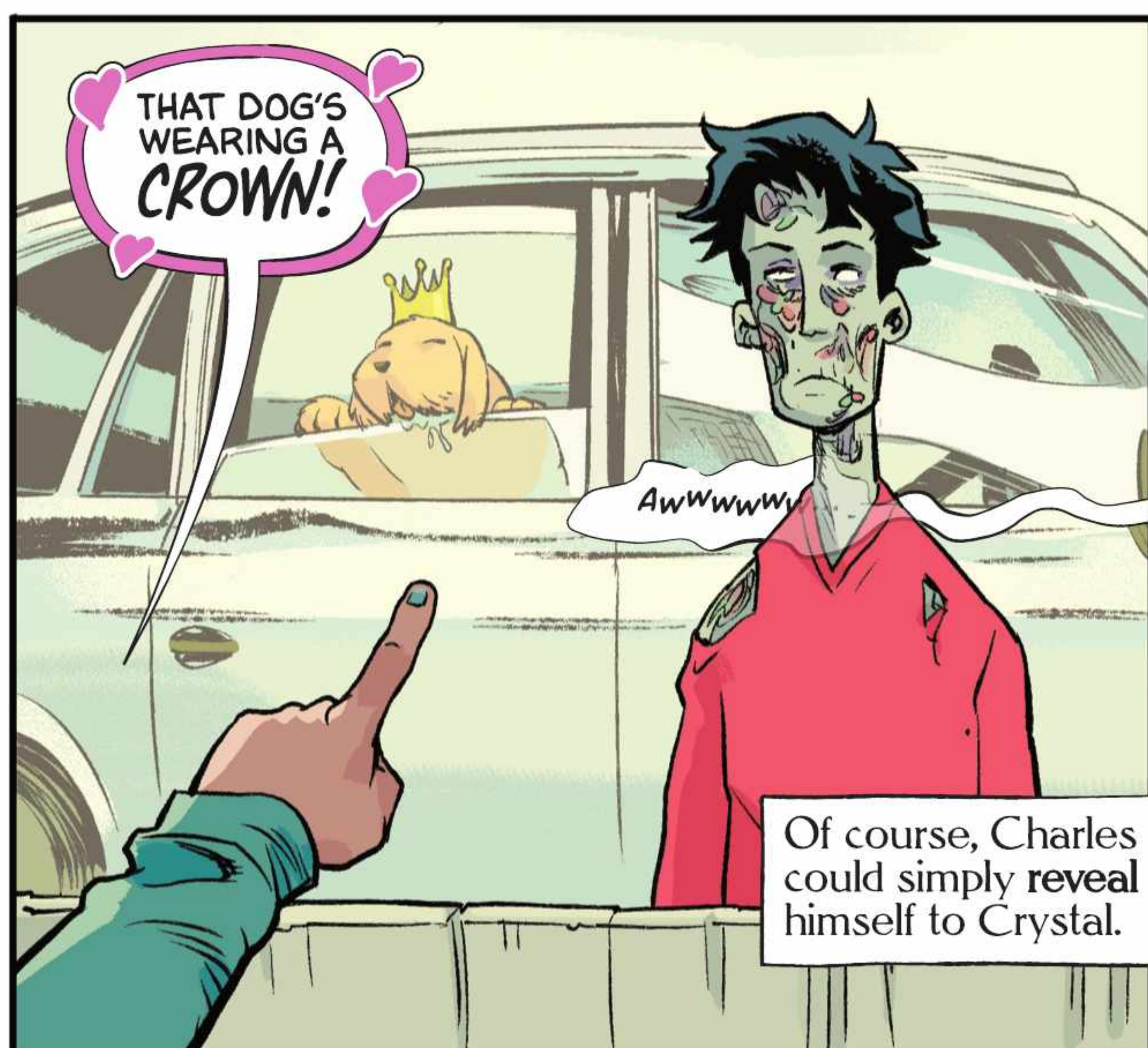
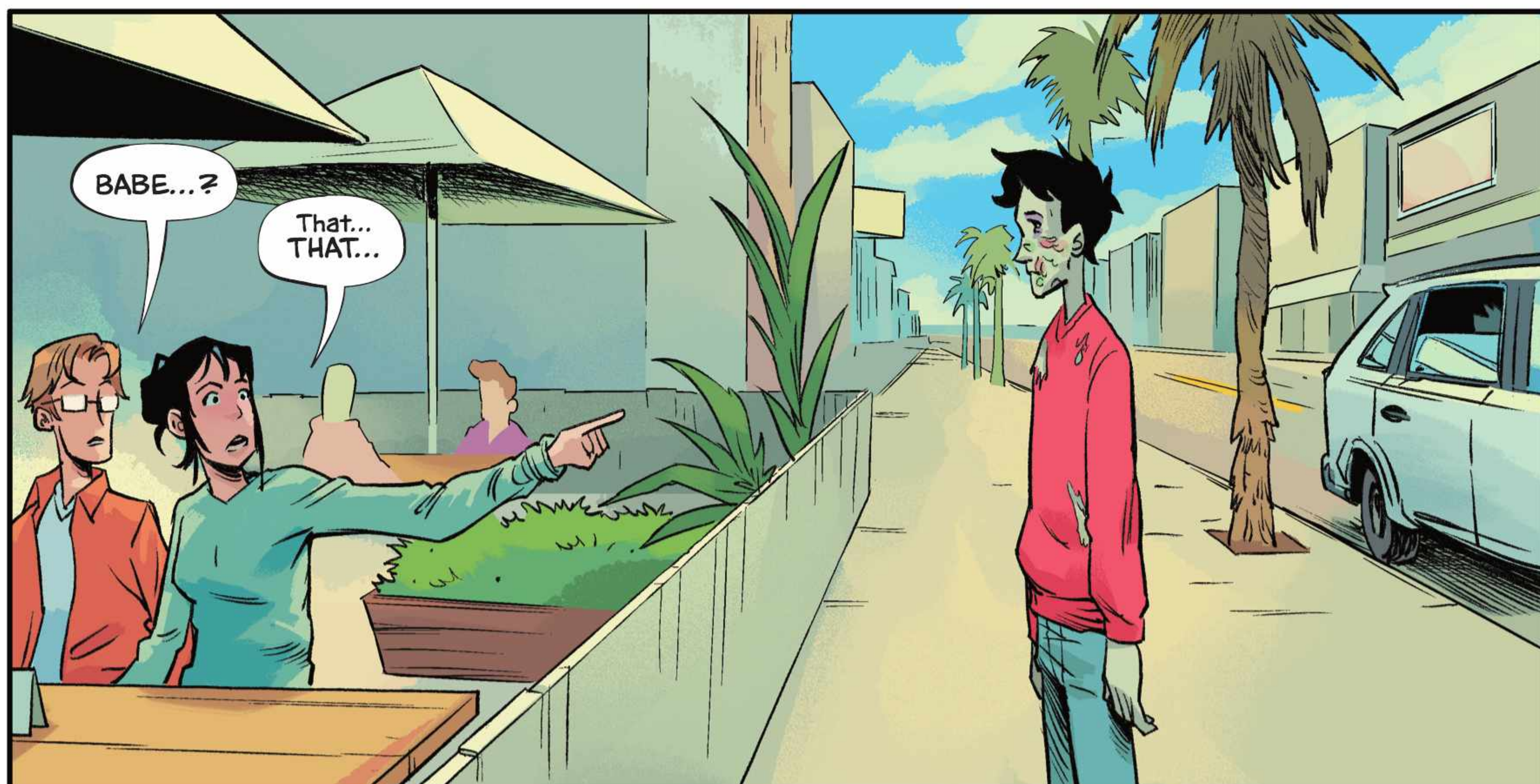
FORGING THE FUTURE
ONE HERO AT A TIME

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CHAPTER ELEVEN: APPROACHING THE PALACE





And seeing her happy,
Charles realized
something **all** souls
instinctively know.



When someone falls **out** of love...
that person--the one who loved
you so much, who fell in love not
just with **you** but with your **outlook**--

--that person **dies**.



They die to make
space for someone
new. A **new** them
who's in love with
someone **else's**
outlook--

--leaving you **mourning**
that person who no
longer loves you.

Mourning not **just**
that you can't be with
them anymore--

--but that
no one can.

That person you loved
no longer exists.

They died--
like **everything**
dies.



No matter how
exceptional.

THE

SANDMAN UNIVERSE

DEAD BOY Detectives

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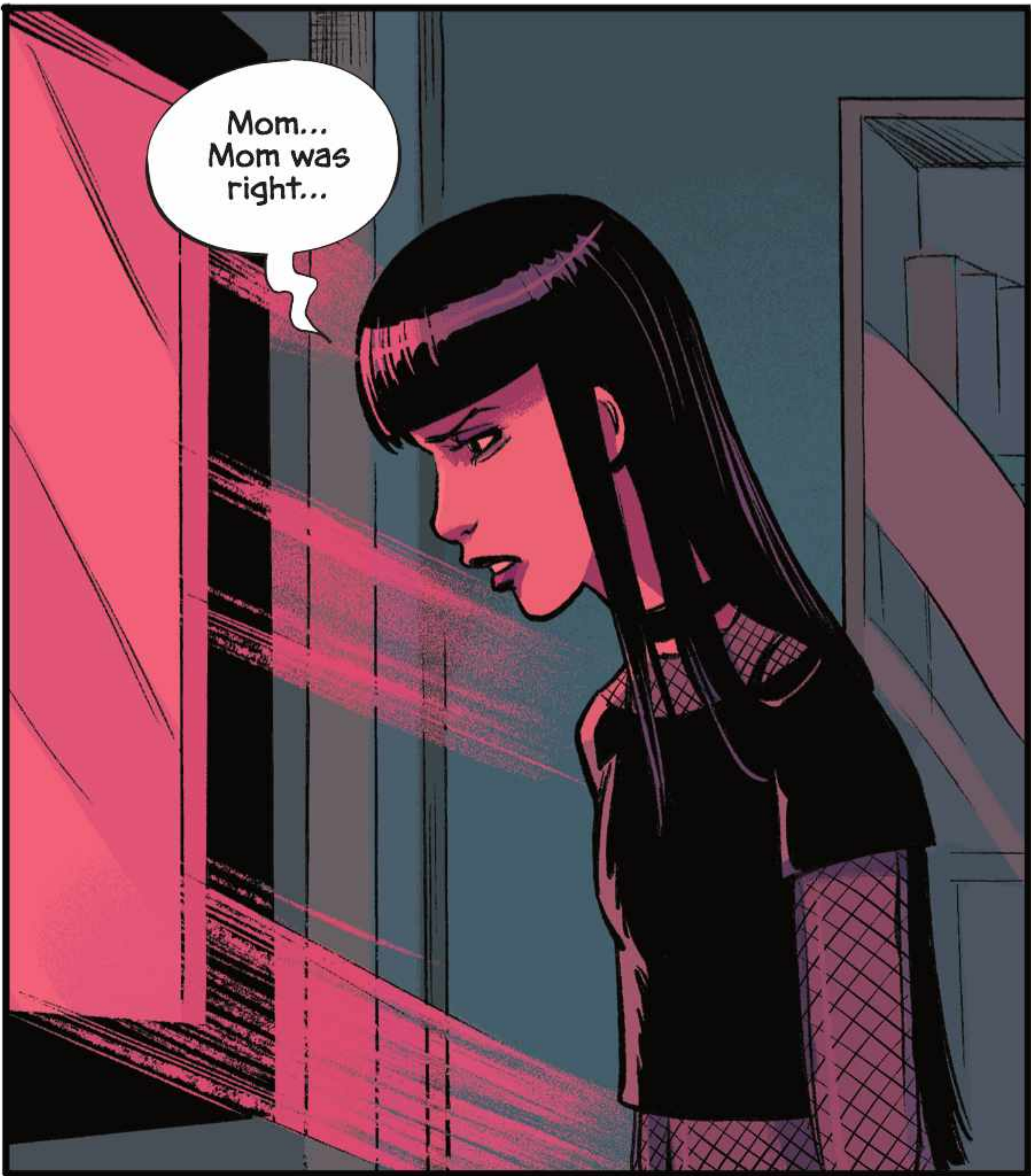
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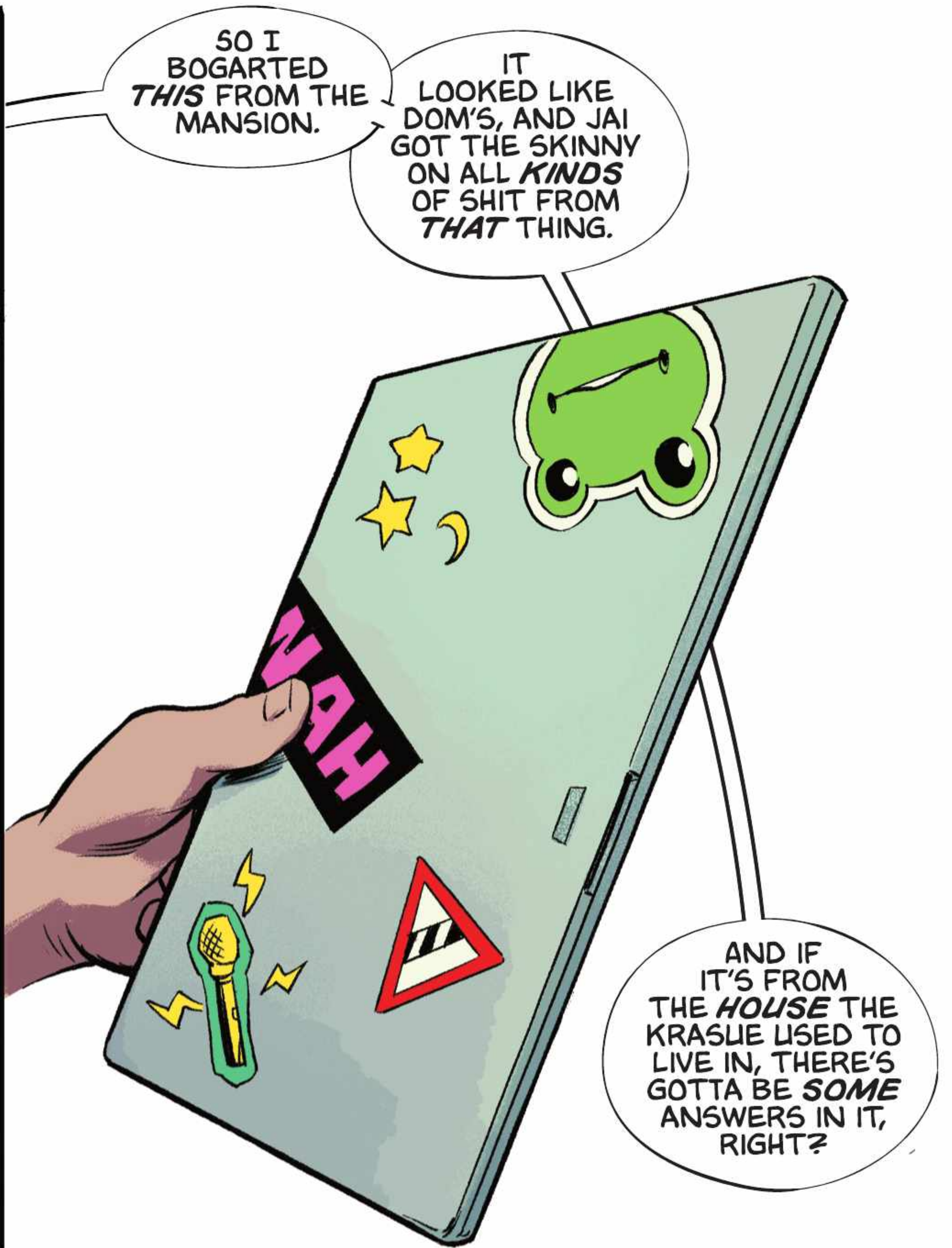
OUR STORY SO FAR:

While on a case in Los Angeles, ghost detectives Edwin Paine and Charles Rowland befriended three Thai ghosts--Melvin, Tanya, and Jai. But while investigating the impossibility of Thai ghosts existing in America, their newfound mentor Dom was killed and malevolent Thai spirits poisoned Charles, leaving him slowly deteriorating.

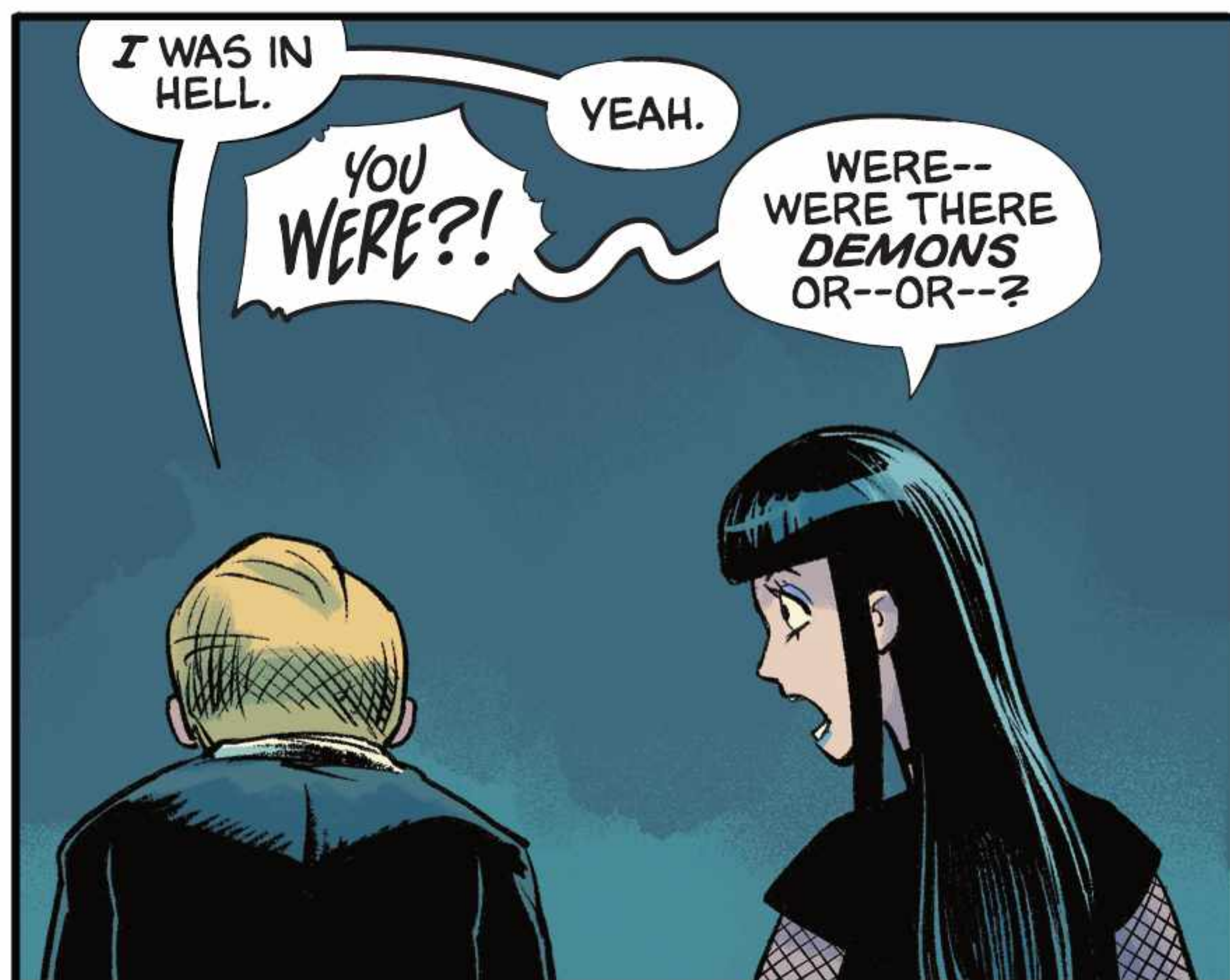
Believing their only hope of undoing both horrors was to locate whoever summoned these many Thai ghosts, the gang finally stumbled upon the mage responsible--only for another ghost to bite and kill Jai.

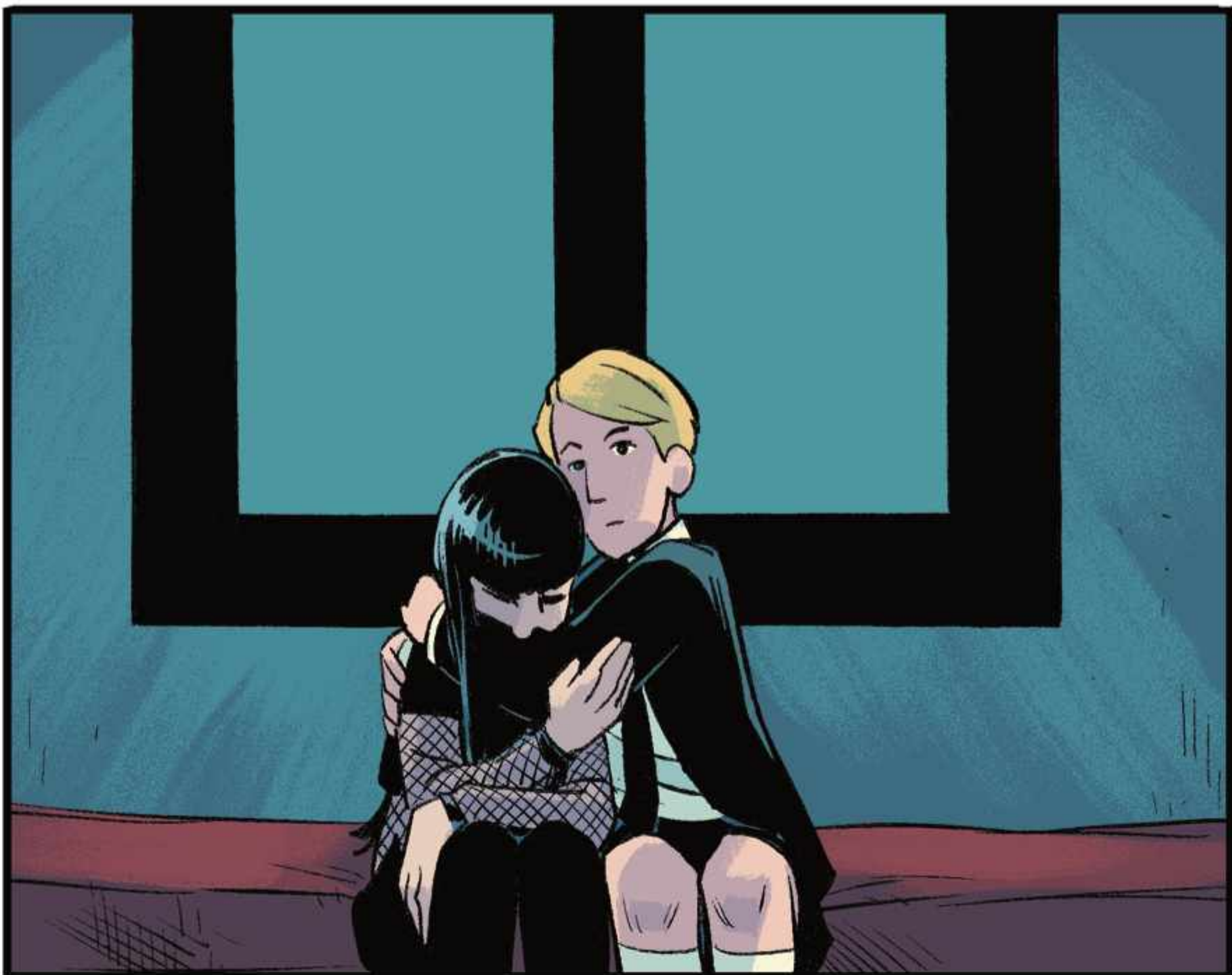


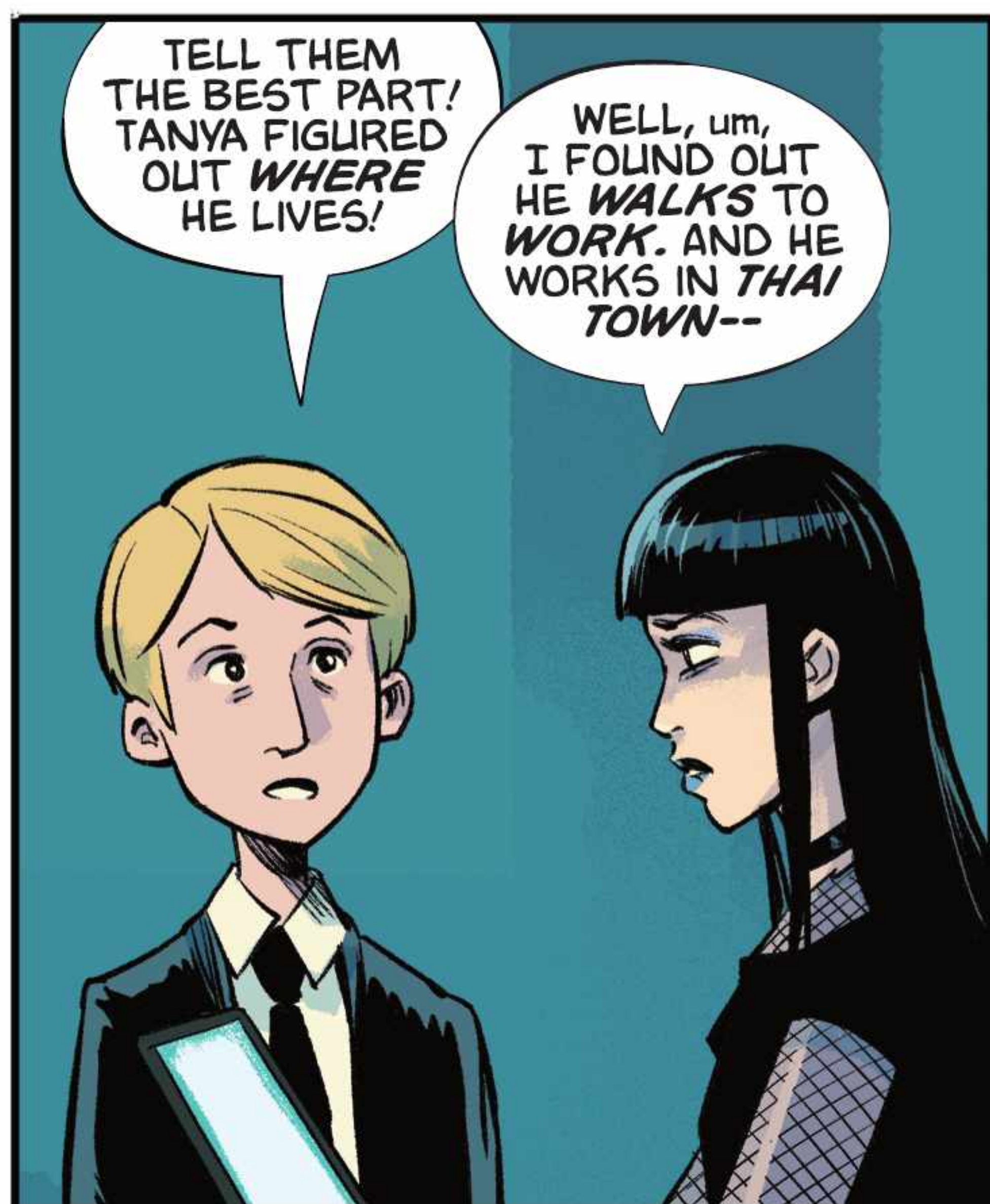
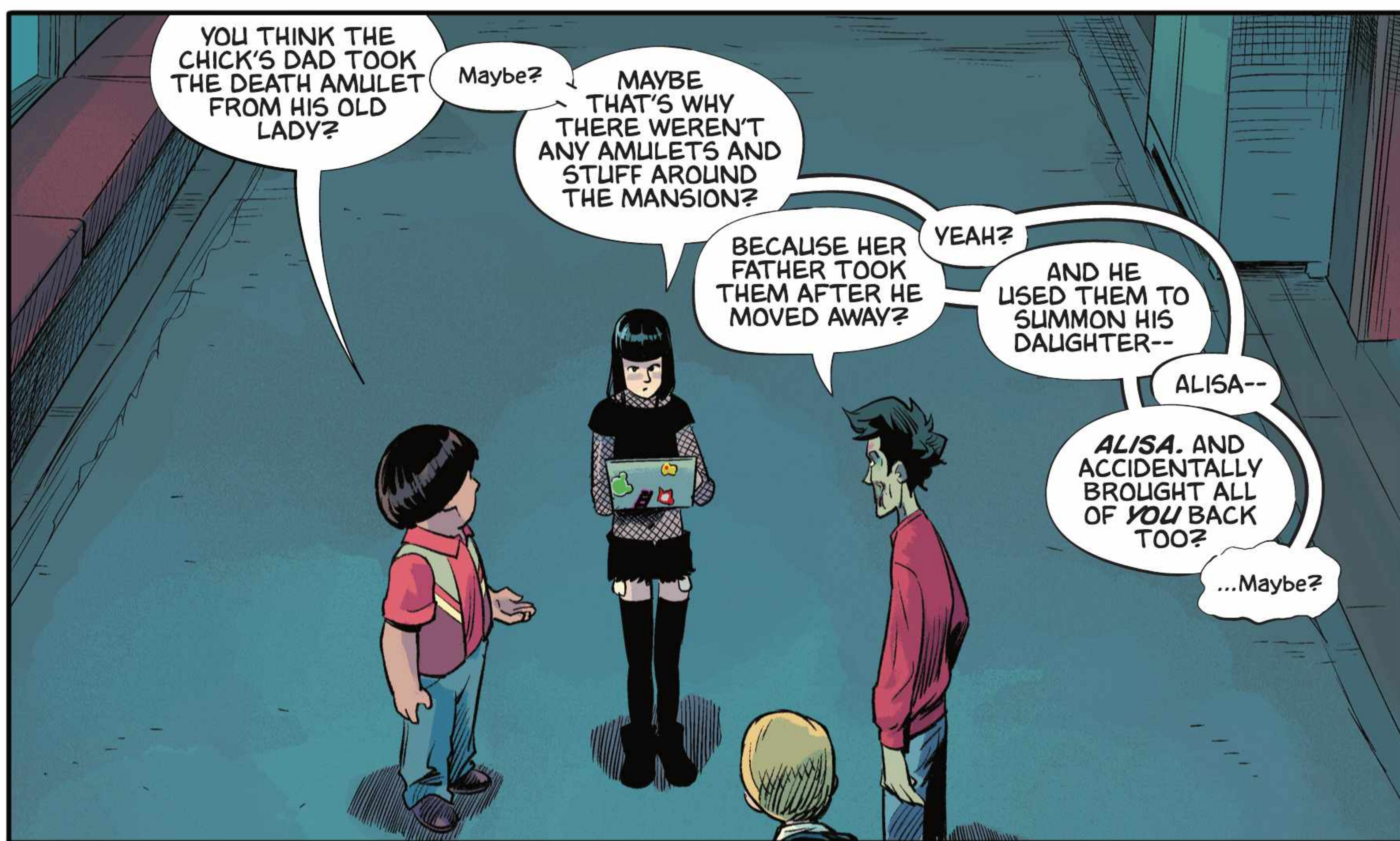
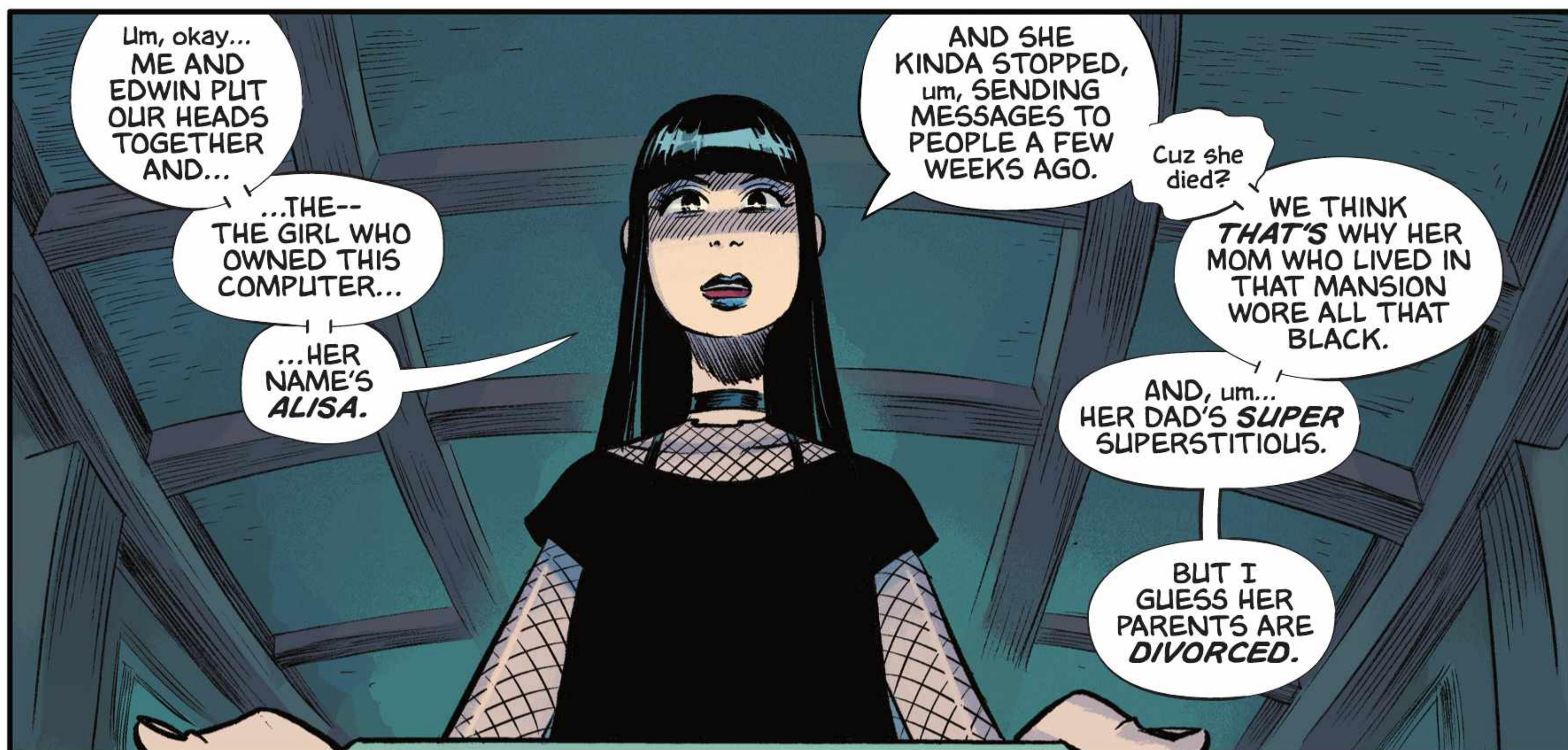


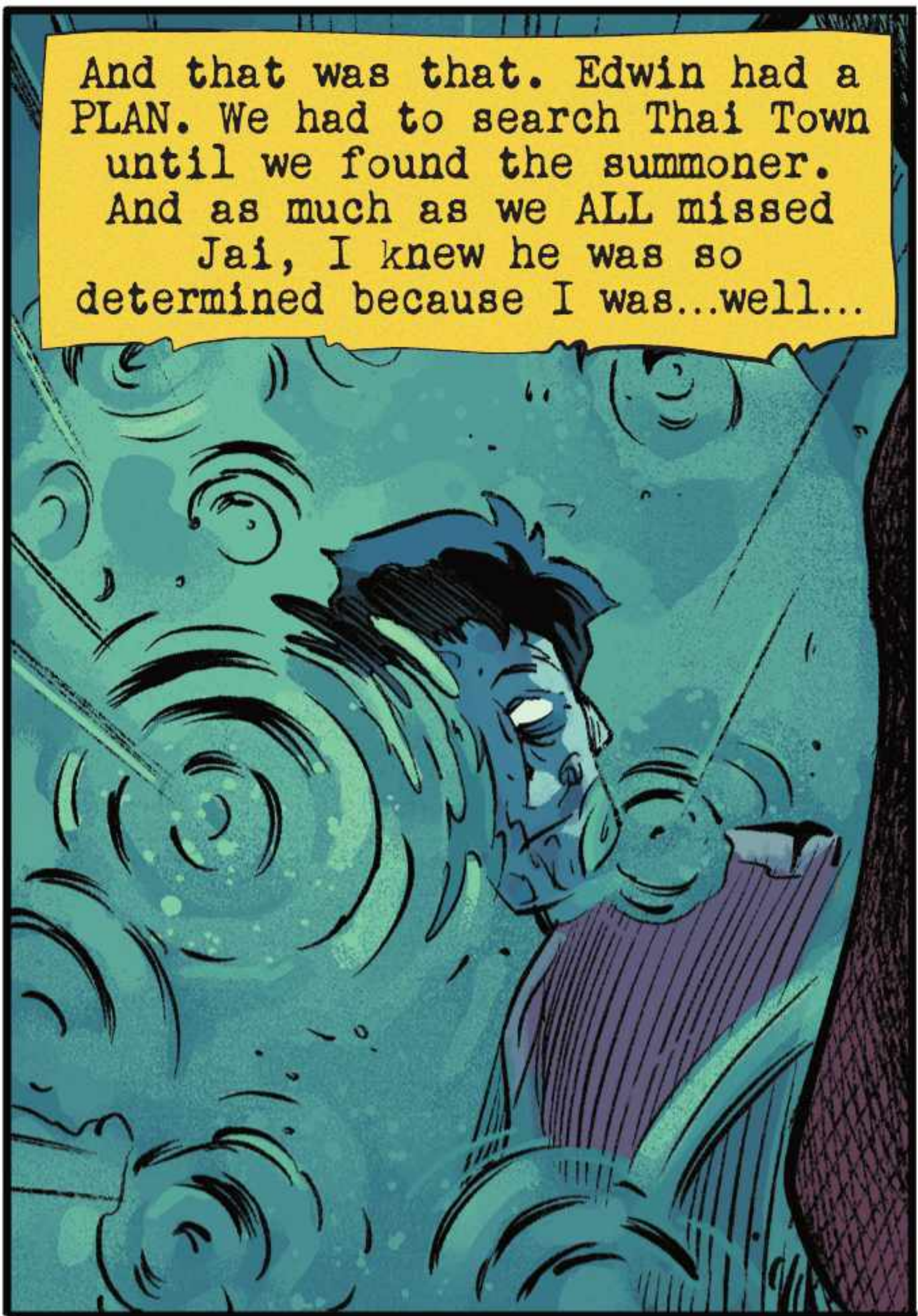


CHAPTER TWELVE: KIDS

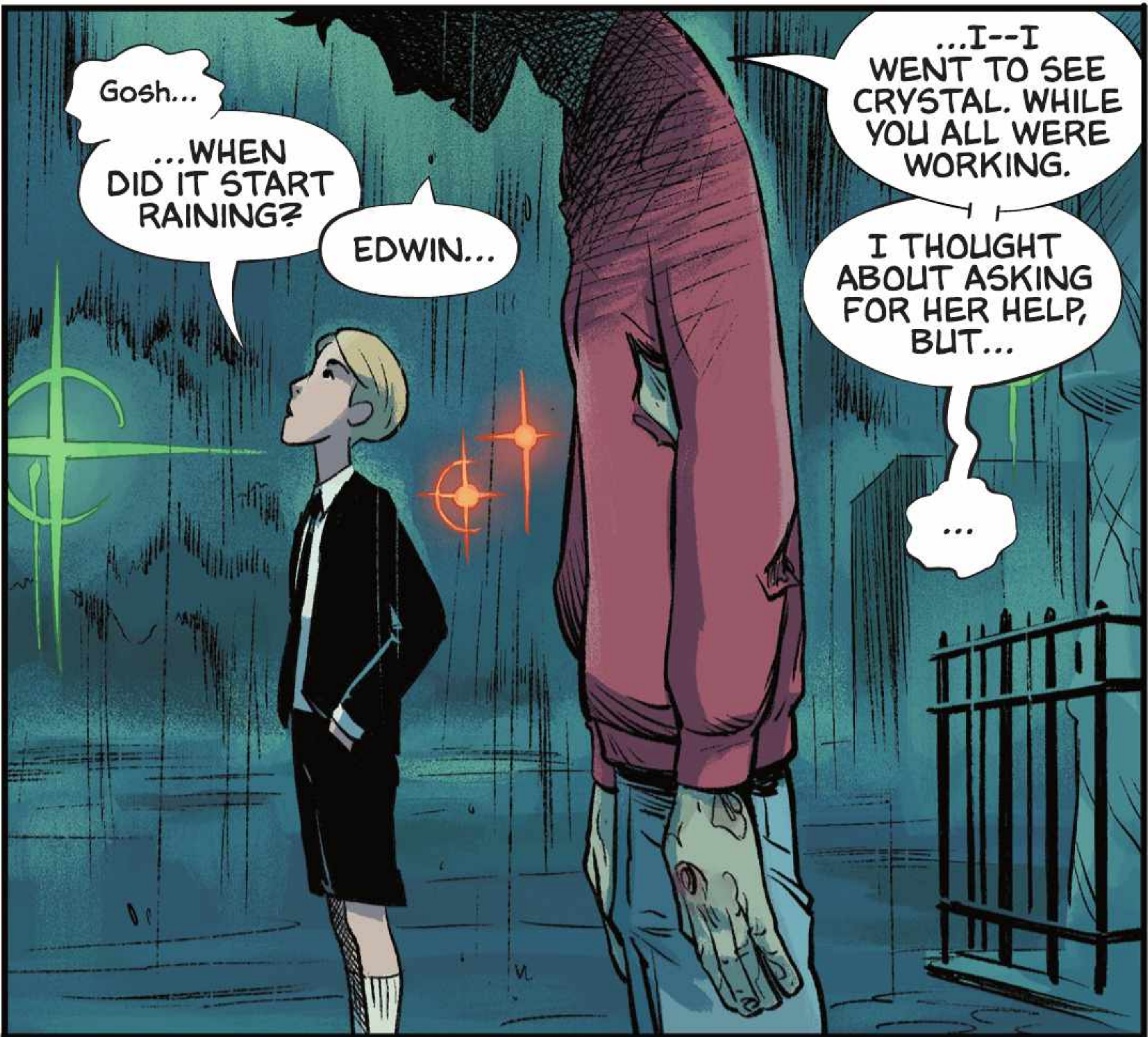








And that was that. Edwin had a PLAN. We had to search Thai Town until we found the summoner. And as much as we ALL missed Jai, I knew he was so determined because I was...well...



Gosh...

...WHEN DID IT START RAINING?

EDWIN...

...I--I WENT TO SEE CRYSTAL. WHILE YOU ALL WERE WORKING.

I THOUGHT ABOUT ASKING FOR HER HELP, BUT...

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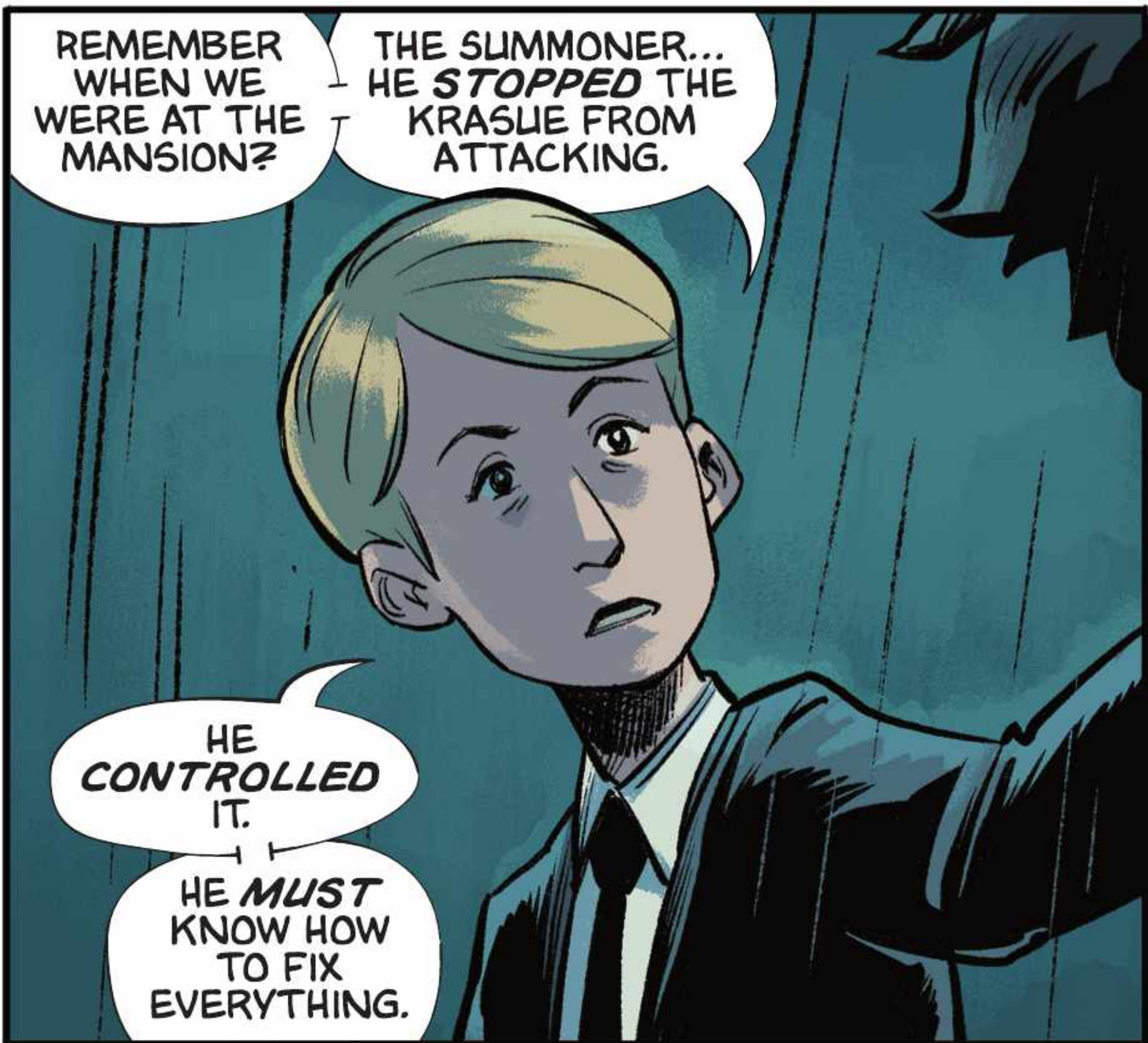


DID MELVIN TELL YOU? HE THINKS THE THINGS THAT... GOT ME ARE SPIRITS SOMETHING BAD... MADE A MESS OF.



AND SINCE JAI WAS HURT I-- I KEEP GETTING WORSE--

--AND, I MEAN-- IF IT LOOKS LIKE ANYTHING WILL... MAKE A MESS OF ME--



REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE AT THE MANSION?

THE SUMMONER... HE STOPPED THE KRASUE FROM ATTACKING.

HE CONTROLLED IT.

HE MUST KNOW HOW TO FIX EVERYTHING.



AND... ISN'T THAT WHAT JAI TRIED TO TELL US?

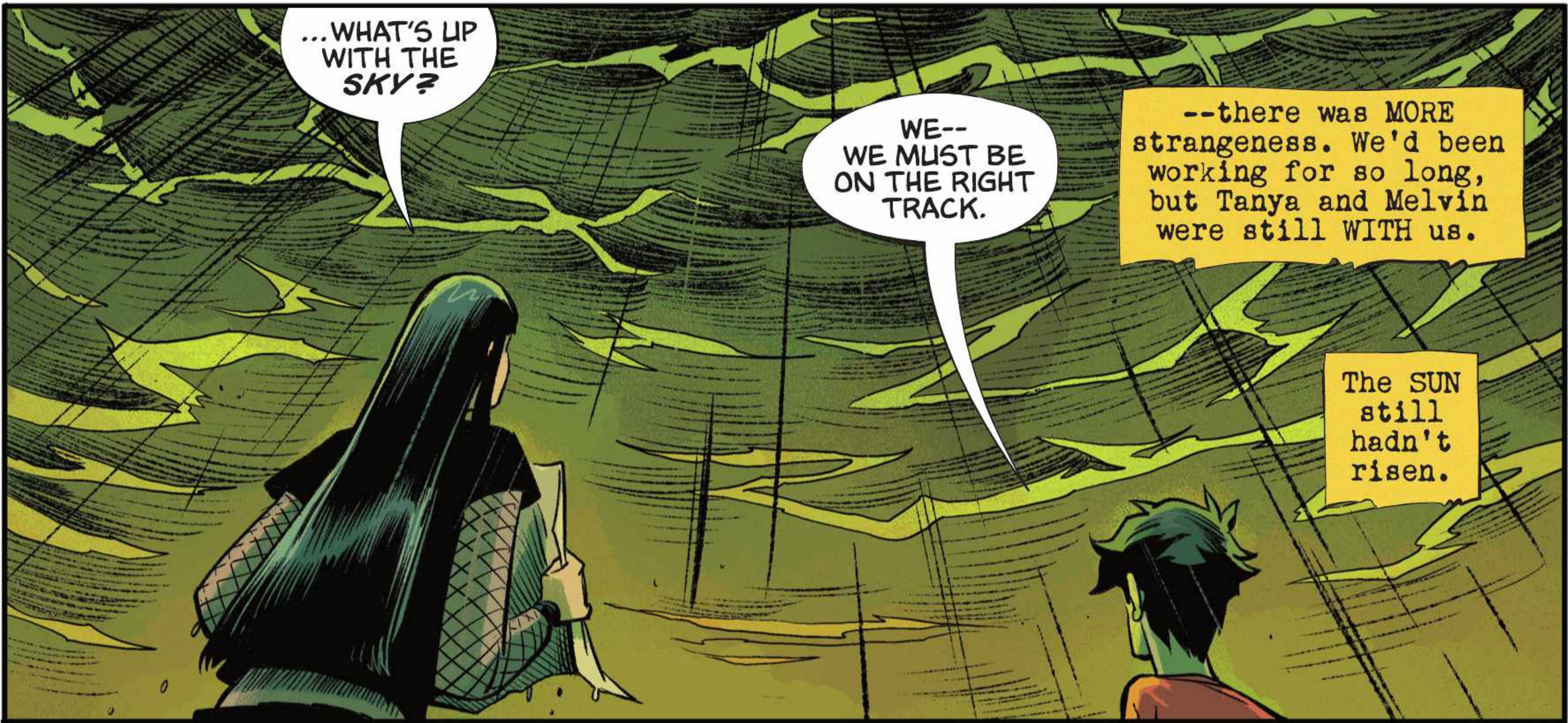
IF WE CARE, WE HAVE TO TRY?



I knew Edwin was right.
I couldn't lose hope.

And while the Ghost Roads
took us to Thai Town--

Um,
HEY...



...WHAT'S UP
WITH THE
SKY?

WE--
WE MUST BE
ON THE RIGHT
TRACK.

--there was MORE
strangeness. We'd been
working for so long,
but Tanya and Melvin
were still WITH us.

The SUN
still
hadn't
risen.



All this magic was causing
a fuss with so MANY things.

OKAY, WE
NEED TO FIND
THE SUMMONER,
SO--

And I kept
trying to
remember--



--LET'S KEEP
OUR EYES *PEELED*.
FOR ANYTHING
MAGICAL OR--
OR STRANGE...

--we CAN'T
lose hope.







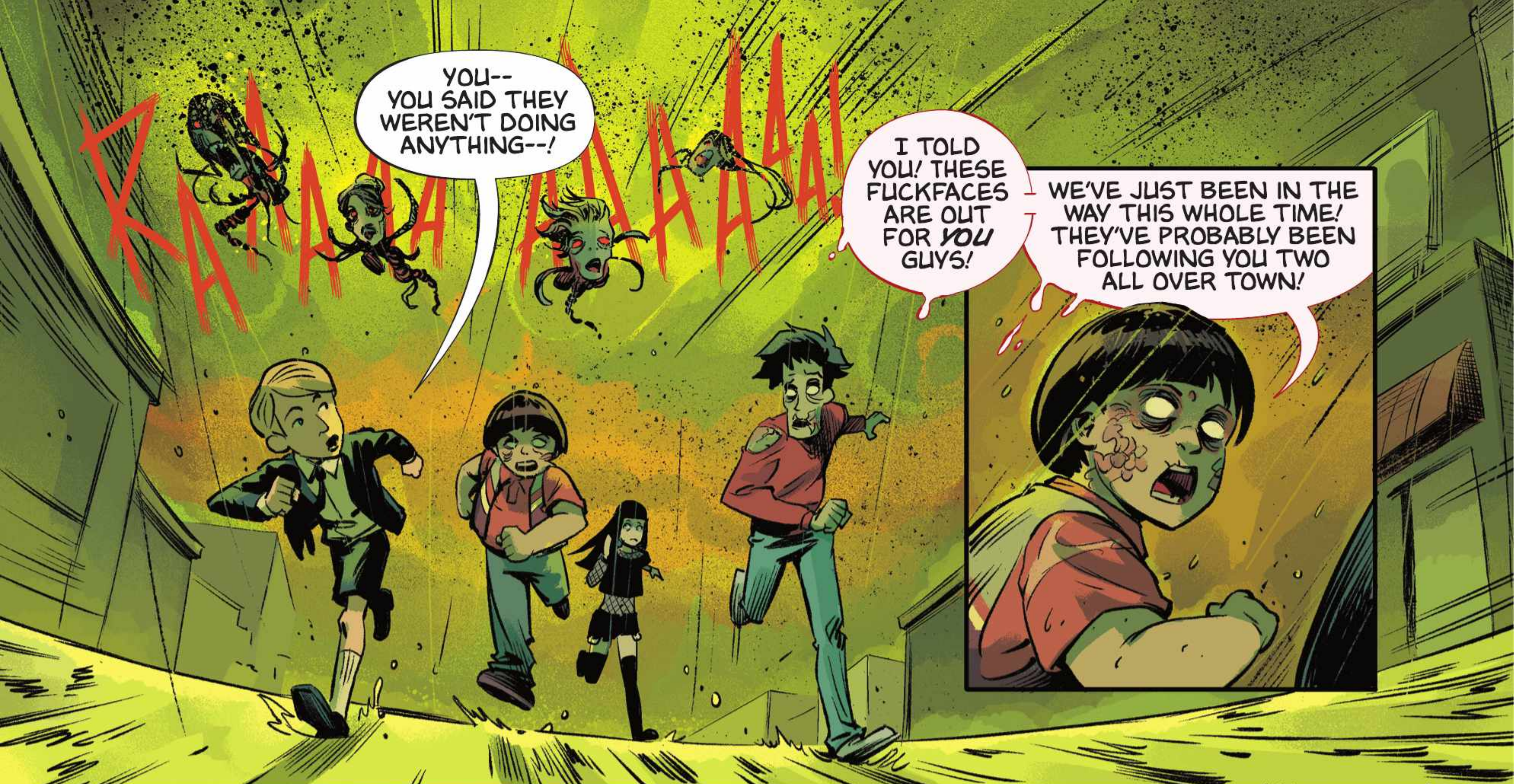






Edwin and I had realized that while there was some invisible wall keeping us from squooshing INTO Thai Town, once INSIDE it we could squoosh as we pleased. But now--





YOU--
YOU SAID THEY
WEREN'T DOING
ANYTHING--!

I TOLD
YOU! THESE
FUCKFACES
ARE OUT
FOR YOU
GUYS!

WE'VE JUST BEEN IN THE
WAY THIS WHOLE TIME!
THEY'VE PROBABLY BEEN
FOLLOWING YOU TWO
ALL OVER TOWN!



CHARLES,
WE NEED
TO LURE
THEM
AWAY!

WE COULD
SQUOOSH...

But where?
Once we squooshed
OUTSIDE Thai
Town, we couldn't
squoosh back IN.

But it was
the only way...



...TO
DOM'S!

YES!

THE
KRASLIES
FOLLOWED US
THERE LAST
TIME--



RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU--!



But it was as if we were YANKED--

WHERE...?

THIS ISN'T DOM'S...

--and there, in the next room...



...was THE SUMMONER!
We'd found him again!
In the middle of a
Super Magic Spell
with WILD MAGIC!



But...

...he looked so SAD.



And beside him was... someone HEADLESS?

Was THIS where the krasue's head went when she had a body?



But then who was this woman... CUTTING HERSELF?!

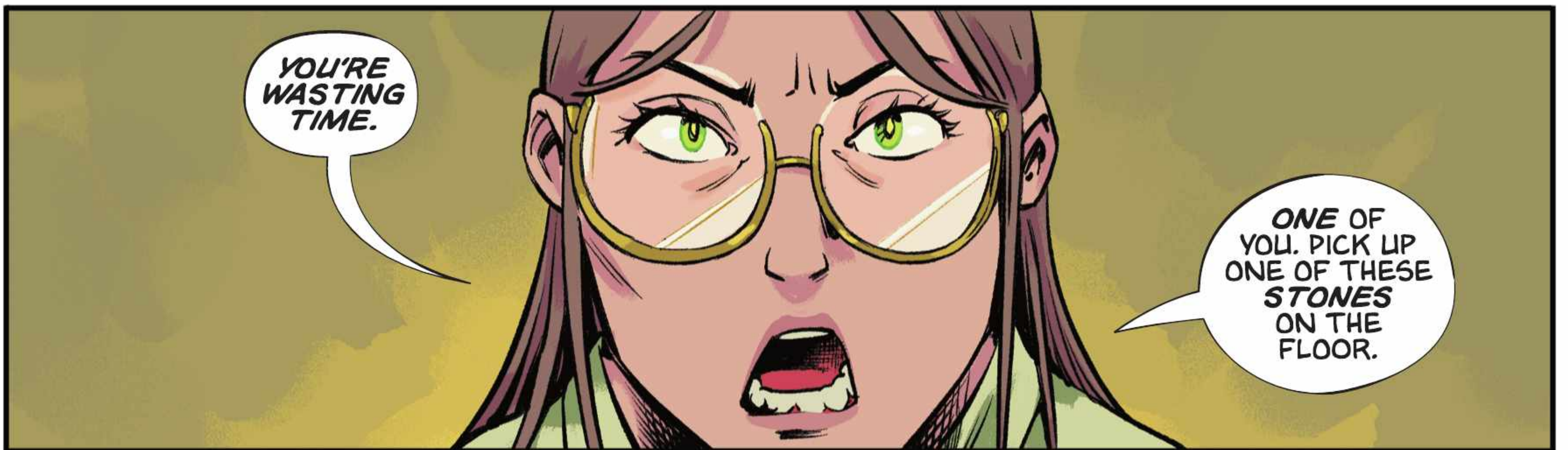
None of it made any sense. It all felt so... BIG.

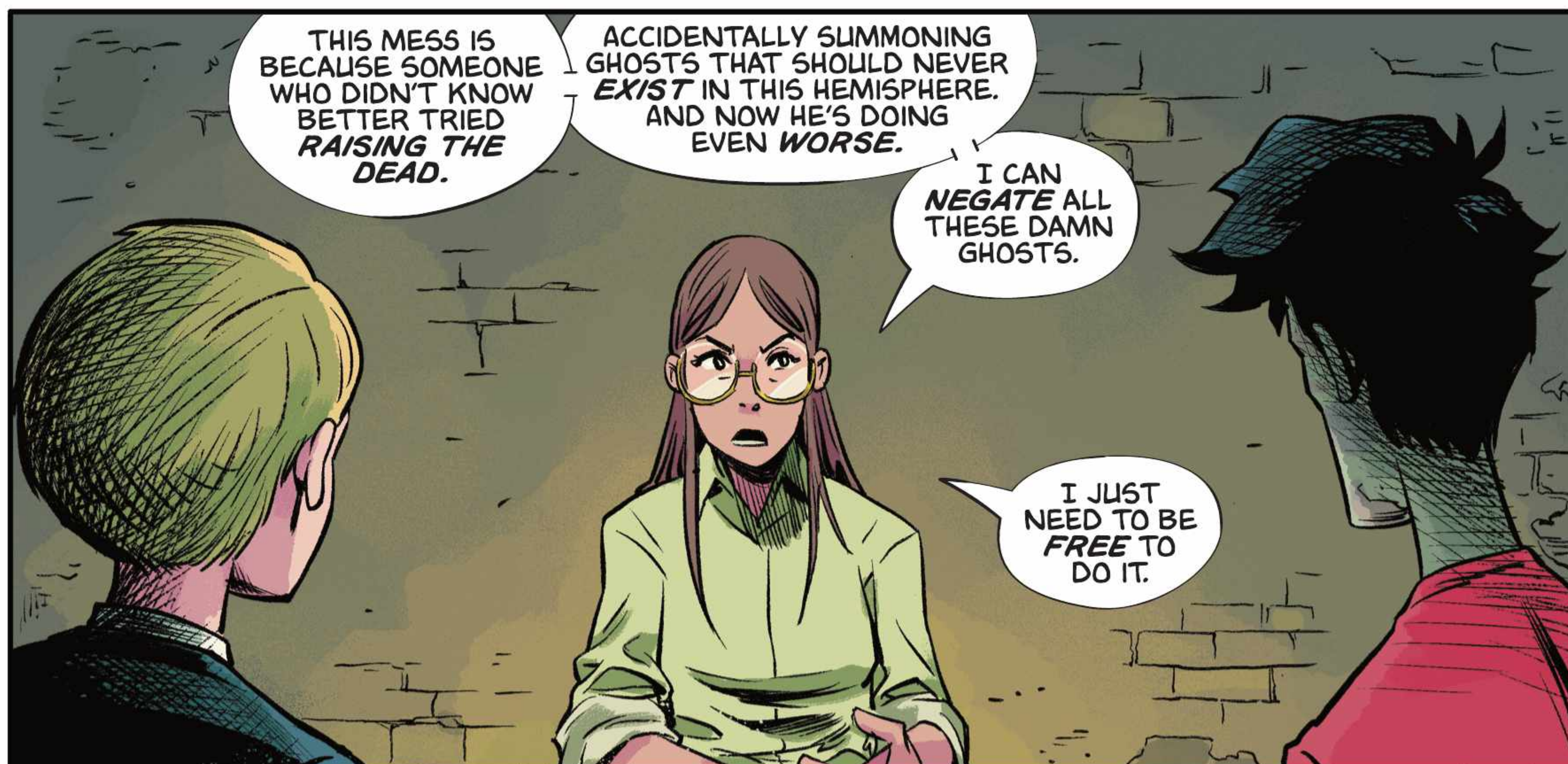


And we were just kids.

WHAT THE HELL...?*

*Translated From Thai.







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BATMAN

#900

DARK KNIGHT vs. RED MASK!

THE CONCLUSION OF "THE BAT-MAN OF GOTHAM"
...AND THE UNBELIEVABLE START
OF WHAT'S NEXT!



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SPOTLIGHT ON

GREEN ARROW

INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

The Emerald Archer joins the Dawn of DC era in April with a new six-issue series from writer Joshua Williamson and artist Sean Izaakse...only thing is, Oliver Queen is missing somewhere in the DC Universe, and it'll take his whole family to find him!

IS *GREEN ARROW* A SERIES YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE?

Green Arrow has been one of my favorite characters since I was a kid. When I started to write comics, I had a story I wanted to tell with Oliver Queen. I'd try to get him into the books I was writing and it would never work out, but after *Dark Crisis* the timing finally came together. I can tell the story and finally give the Green Arrow family the reunion it deserves.



WHAT HAS THE DC UNIVERSE MISSED WITHOUT OLIVER QUEEN?

Attitude. He's that cocky, daring Robin Hood who brought truth to power in a way only he could do. It's also so much more than that. The DC Universe has been missing the Green Arrow family. His cast of characters that were built over years have been separated...and one of our goals is to bring them back.



WHAT ROLE DOES OLIVER QUEEN'S FAMILY—BLACK CANARY, CONNOR HAWKE, AND ROY HARPER—PLAY IN THE SERIES?

His whole family is on the search for Ollie. That's a major piece of the story in the beginning, but something else comes up that alerts them to a very big problem in the DCU. It unlocks a mystery that's been brewing within the Dawn of DC world.

WHAT DOES ARTIST SEAN IZAAKSE BRING TO THIS SERIES?

Passion and talent. I feel incredibly lucky to be partnered with someone who loves Green Arrow and his family as much as I do. He also knows the mythology and uses that to elevate the art.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRICK ARROW FROM OLIVER'S ARSENAL?

The boxing-glove arrow will always have a special place in my heart. But in #1 we introduce a new arrow that is now my favorite.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE ARCHERY—AND IF SO, IS IT AS EASY AS GREEN ARROW MAKES IT LOOK?

I have tried and wasn't very good at it. But...I've never been stranded on an island where I had no choice but to learn.

However, Sean is an archer and actually has his own equipment. Sean brought that knowledge to the series.



**DON'T MISS *GREEN ARROW* #1,
ON SALE IN APRIL!**

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